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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Felipe Arturo Avalos-Mejia,  
Defendant.

No. CR-24-08090-PCT-DJH  
**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's Order (Doc. 29), the parties file this status joint report.

On August 20, 2024, Defendant was indicted on one count of Possession or Receipt of Goods Stolen from Interstate Shipment, Aid and Abet, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 659 and 2. (Doc. 5.) The current trial date is October 7, 2025, with a pretrial motions deadline of September 5, 2025. (Doc. 29.) Defendant is in custody. (Doc. 13.)

On May 20, 2025, the parties appeared before the Court for a Status Conference on Defendant's Third Motion to Continue Trial. (Doc. 28.) At the conference, the parties informed the Court that discovery was ongoing. Specifically, although substantial discovery, amounting to terabytes of information, had been produced by the government, limited discovery from events occurring in California was still outstanding despite the government's good faith efforts to obtain that discovery. Additionally, the parties informed

1 the Court that a plea offer from the government was pending approval. On that record, the  
 2 Court granted Defendant's Third Motion to Continue deadlines in this matter and directed  
 3 the parties to file a Joint Status Report on July 21, 2025.

4 On May 22, 2025, the government's case agents received an initial set of reports  
 5 and documents from California state and federal law enforcement partners. Additional  
 6 discovery was obtained on May 30, 2025, and June 7, 2025. On June 11, 2025, the  
 7 government produced all outstanding discovery in its possession from California state and  
 8 federal law enforcement partners, totalling approximately 1500 pages of reports,  
 9 documents, and photos. On June 20, 2025, the government issued a plea offer in this case,  
 10 immediately after receiving approval to do so.

11 On July 15, 2025, the government conferred with Defendant's counsel about the  
 12 status of this case. Defendant's counsel conveyed that Defendant is in possession of the  
 13 plea offer, and that Defendant's counsel is in the process of reviewing the produced  
 14 discovery with his client. Defendant's counsel expressed optimism that this matter is  
 15 heading toward a pre-trial resolution, but stated he needs more time for his client to process  
 16 and consider his options. As a result of that conference, the parties agreed that additional  
 17 time would be welcome to: (1) review and process the supplemental discovery in this  
 18 matter; (2) continue discussions regarding a potential plea resolution to this case; and (3)  
 19 prepare for trial, given other trials, leave, and obligations currently scheduled. The parties  
 20 hope to be in a better position to notify the Court about these prospects, and whether a trial  
 21 will be needed, on or before the pretrial motions deadline.

22 Respectfully submitted this 17th day of July, 2025.

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25 */s/ Ernest Lutz, with permission*  
 26 *by email 07/17/2025*

27 ERNEST LUTZ  
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28 */s/ Travis L. Wheeler*  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 17, 2025, I electronically transmitted the attached document to the Clerk's Office using the CM/ECF System for filing a copy to the following registrants: Ernest Lutz, *Attorney for Defendant*.

s/ Travis L. Wheeler  
U.S. Attorney's Office